Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

Incident Information

URN: 920 - 03825 - 1618 - 058		Date: 04/17/20	Time: 0849
Location: East 218th Place / Main Street		City or Station: Carson	
Bureau/Station/Facility: South Patrol Division / Carson Station		Admin. Investigation: ◯ YES ◉ NO	
Type of Force: Personal Weapons(hands) / Take Down / Control Techniques / Resisted Handcuffing			
Incident Category: ◯1 ◯2 ◉3	Deputy Injury: ◯ YES ◉ NO	Suspect Injury ◉ YES ◯ NO	
☒ Call	☐ Observation	☐ Detail	☐ Foot Pursuit ☐ Vehicle Pursuit
IAB Notified: ◉YES ◯ NO	Person Notified: Lieutenant Walker	Emp: [redacted]	IAB Roll Out ◉ YES ◯ NO

Involved Employee

E1

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name Ramirez			First Name Jose		Middle I. P	Rank DSG
Sex: ◉ M ◯ F	Race: H	Height: 510	Weight: 200	Age: [redacted]	Shift: ◯ EM ◉ Day ◯ PM	◉ Regular Shift ◯ OT Shift ◯ Off Duty	
Unit of Assignment: Carson Station				Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 160B3			
Individual Force Used: Personal Weapons (Hands) / Resisted Handcuffing / Control Techniques				◯ Directed ◯ Rescue ◯ Medical Assist		Individual Category ◯1 ◯2 ◉3	
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility:						Coroner Case #	

E2

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]			First Name [redacted]		Middle I. I	Rank DSG
Sex: ◉ M ◯ F	Race: H	Height: 511	Weight: 210	Age: [redacted]	Shift: ◯ EM ◉ Day ◯ PM	◉ Regular Shift ◯ OT Shift ◯ Off Duty	
Unit of Assignment: Carson Station				Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 168A			
Individual Force Used: Personal Weapons (hands)/Take Down/Resisted Handcuffing/Control Technique				◯ Directed ◯ Rescue ◯ Medical Assist		Individual Category ◯1 ◉2 ◯3	
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility:						Coroner Case #	

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Employee #	Last Name			First Name		Middle I.	Rank
Sex: ◯ M ◯ F	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift: ◯ EM ◯ Day ◯ PM	◯ Regular Shift ◯ OT Shift ◯ Off Duty	
Unit of Assignment:				Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):			
Individual Force Used:				◯ Directed ◯ Rescue ◯ Medical Assist		Individual Category ◯1 ◯2 ◯3	
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility:						Coroner Case #	

On Duty Supervisor ☐ Additional Involved Employees

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Velasquez	Steven	A	Sgt.	YES ◯ NO ◉	YES ◯ NO ◉

Supervisor Completing Investigation

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Maxwell	Michael	I	Sgt.	YES ◯ NO ◉	YES ◯ NO ◉

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Walker	Deryl	T	Lt.

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant's **Signature:** [signature] Date 10/06/20

Copy Provided to Employee by: Emp #: [redacted] Date 10/7/20

William Jaeger, Captain
Unit Commander **(Print Name)**

Unit Commander's **Signature:** [signature]

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☐ PPI REVIEW COMPLETED

Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

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SUSPECT INFORMATION

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Armed? Select
Norris	Nicholas	Scott	Not Armed

AKA Last Name | First Name | Middle Name

Sex:	Race:	Age:	Height:	Weight	D.O.B:	Phone #1: ○ H ○ W ○ C	Phone #2: ○ H ○ W ○ C
(●) Male ○ Female	W	31	601	187	04/06/86	[redacted]	[redacted]

Street Address: [redacted] | City: [redacted] | State & Zip Code: [redacted]

Booking #: 5916847 | Primary Charge Code: 69 PC | Secondary Charge Code: 594(A) PC | [X] Criminal History

Treated on Scene? (●) YES ○ NO Name: LA County Fire Unit: Engine 36 Phone #:

Hospital Admission? [ ] Rec'd Treatment At: Harbor-UCLA Coroner Case #: Mental History [ ] User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Dr. Campion Address: 1000 W. Carson Street, Torrance 90502 Phone #: 310-222-2345

Under Influence: (●) YES ○ NO Substance: Other/Unknown | 5150 a factor in force? ○ YES (●) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: 04/17/20 | Time: 1824 | [ ] Audiotape: | [X] Videotape: | [X] Photos of Injuries: | [ ] ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S__

Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Armed? Select

AKA Last Name | First Name | Middle Name

Sex: ○ Male ○ Female | Race: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Phone #1: ○ H ○ W ○ C | Phone #2: ○ H ○ W ○ C

Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | [ ] Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ○ YES ○ NO By: Unit: Phone #:

Hospital Admission? [ ] Rec'd Treatment At: Coroner Case #: Mental History [ ] User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Address: Phone #:

Under Influence: ○ YES ○ NO Substance: | 5150 a factor in force? ○ YES ○ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: | Time: | [ ] Audiotape: | [ ] Videotape: | [ ] Photos of Injuries: | [ ] ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

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Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Armed? Select

AKA Last Name | First Name | Middle Name

Sex: ○ Male ○ Female | Race: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Phone #1: ○ H ○ W ○ C | Phone #2: ○ H ○ W ○ C

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Treated on Scene? ○ YES ○ NO By: Unit: Phone #:

Hospital Admission? [ ] Rec'd Treatment At: Coroner Case #: Mental History [ ] User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Address: Phone #:

Under Influence: ○ YES ○ NO Substance: | 5150 a factor in force? ○ YES ○ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: | Time: | [ ] Audiotape: | [ ] Videotape: | [ ] Photos of Injuries: | [ ] ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

[ ] **Additional Suspects Involved**

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EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Ramirez	Luis	A

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Carson Station	167A	○ EM ◉ Day ○ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Pereira	Tomasa	

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Carson Station	169K	○ EM ◉ Day ○ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
		○ EM ○ Day ○ PM	○ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

☐ Additional Witness

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Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton: (Control)
(BI) Baton: (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(RO) Restraint Device (Other)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(IR) Less Lethal Impact Round (other)
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative
(HR) High Risk

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Involved

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGAINST		Method	Type of Injury	Body Part
Name	E# or S#	Name	E# or S#	(Code)	(Code)	(Code)
Norris	S#1	Ramirez, Jose	E#1	UC	NN	NN
"	"	"	"	PH	NN	SH
"	"	"	"	PH	NN	CH
"	"	"	"	CT	NN	LE
"	"	[redacted]	E#2	UC	NN	NN
"	"	"	"	PH	NN	CH
Ramirez, Jose	E#1	Norris	S#1	PH	FR	FA
"	"	"	"	PH	SD	FA
"	"	"	"	PH	NN	CH
"	"	"	"	CT	BR	AR
"	"	"	"	RH	NN	AR
[redacted]	E#2	Norris	S#1	CT	BR	AR
"	"	"	"	PH	BR	AD
"	"	"	"	TD	NN	BK
"	"	"	"	CT	NN	AR
"	"	"	"	RH	NN	AR

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT: **Use of Force, Fractured Orbital**

IAB FILE NUMBER: **FO 2507871**

URN#: **920-03825-1618-058**

DATE/TIME: **04/17/2020 / 0849 Hours**

LOCATION: **East 218th Place / Main Street, Carson**

On April 17, 2020, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Force/Shooting Response Team comprised of Lieutenant Deryl Walker, Sergeant Michael Maxwell, and Sergeant [redacted] responded to Carson Station regarding a Category 3 use of force; wherein the suspect sustained a fractured orbital.

SYNOPSIS

The following narrative includes summarized statements as provided by all involved employees. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the audio recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions submitted within this case.

On April 17, 2020, at approximately 0848 hours, Deputies Jose Ramirez, [redacted] Luis Ramirez, and Tomasa Pereira responded to a "Vandalism Now" call for service at 328 Carson Street, Carson. The call stated a male Hispanic wearing a red shirt and black shorts was spray painting on a wall.

> IAB Note: **Deputy Pereira was the handling unit on the call for service. Prior to her arrival, she coordinated the call and requested all responding units to check the area for the suspect described in the call.**

Upon arriving at the location, Deputy [redacted] contacted the informant of the call, who, in turn, described the suspect (later identified as Suspect Norris) who vandalized the wall. Deputy [redacted] updated the last seen direction of the suspect via his handheld radio. Deputy Jose Ramirez arrived in the area and located a male Hispanic who matched the suspect's description in the call. Deputy Ramirez attempted to contact the suspect; however, the suspect was non-compliant and ran away from Deputy Ramirez. Deputy Ramirez entered his patrol car and drove through the area where he last saw the suspect.

Deputy Ramirez used his handheld radio, and broadcast the suspects' last seen direction of the suspect and directed responding units to check the area. Deputy [redacted] located the suspect on 218th Place, just east of Main Street, Carson. Deputy Ramirez drove to the location where both deputies attempted to contact and detain the suspect.

The suspect was uncooperative with numerous verbal commands given by Deputy Ramirez to stop and continued to walk away. Deputies Ramirez and [redacted] walked toward the suspect and continued to give him verbal commands to stop and talk to them. The suspect turned around, faced the deputies, and began walking backward away from them and clenched his fists. As the suspect walked backward with his fist clenched, he collided with a nearby street sign, which stopped him. The suspect suddenly lunged at Deputy Ramirez and struck him in the left shoulder and ear. Deputy Ramirez immediately struck the suspect in the face several times in an attempt to stop the assault. Deputies Ramirez and [redacted] used personal weapons and control techniques to take the suspect to the ground. Deputies [redacted] and Ramirez were struck several times in their upper bodies by the suspect in the process. Using their body weight, Deputies [redacted] and Ramirez were able to gain control of the suspect and handcuffed him.

All reports documenting this incident were submitted **[EXHIBIT A]**.

> **IAB Note:** **During the use of force incident, Deputy Luis Ramirez arrived on the scene and saw his partners on the ground with the suspect who continued to fight. Deputy Ramirez requested additional personnel to their location using his handheld radio [EXHIBIT B]. Deputy Ramirez did not engage the suspect. He later reported the force he witnessed to Sergeant Velasquez.**

Carson Station Watch Commander, Lieutenant Daniel Gillespie, #[redacted] responded to the Carson Station jail and conducted a digitally recorded interview of Suspect Norris **[EXHIBIT B]**.

Suspect Norris was transported to Harbor-UCLA Medical Center for medical treatment. Suspect Norris was diagnosed with a right orbital floor fracture and a laceration to the right ear region. Suspect Norris's injuries were documented in his medical records **[EXHIBIT C]**.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

Jose Ramirez, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
South Patrol Division
Carson Sheriff's Station

Work History

Date of Employment:	February 8, 2008
Date Assigned to Carson Station:	July 27, 2014

Date Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior founded force incidents:



Equipment Worn On Person
Oleoresin Capsicum (O.C.) Spray
Handcuffs
Radio
Baton
Taser
Smith & Wesson, M&P 9mm

[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
South Patrol Division
Carson Sheriff's Station

Work History
Date of Employment: September 25, 2016
Date Assigned to Carson Station: November 18, 2018
Date Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior founded force incidents:

Equipment Worn On Person
Oleoresin Capsicum (O.C.) Spray
Handcuffs
Radio
Baton
Taser
Smith & Wesson, M&P 9mm

SUSPECT INFORMATION
Nicholas Norris
Male, White, DOB: April 6, 1989, 6'01", 187 pounds
[redacted]
CII #[redacted] MAIN #[redacted] FBI #[redacted]

> **IAB Note:** A copy of Suspect Norris's criminal history is included **[EXHIBIT D]**.

SUSPECT'S INJURIES

Suspect Norris was diagnosed with a right orbital floor fracture and a laceration to the right ear region. Refer to the suspect's medical records **[EXHIBIT C]**.

DEPUTY PERSONNEL'S INJURIES

None.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

None

INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

Ten hours transpired from the use of force to IAB investigator's observations. Nothing at the scene was obtained.

WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTIES

None

WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT NICHOLAS NORRIS

None

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR AND CHARGES FILED

INVESTIGATOR: Detective Steven Paulsen

COURT: Compton, Case #TA151889

CHARGES: 69 P.C., 594(A) P.C.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident occurred outdoors at 0849 hours, and it was well lit.

WITNESS STATEMENTS

The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio-recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions.

INVOLVED DEPUTY JOSE RAMIREZ

On June 18, 2020, Deputy Ramirez was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau investigators.

On April 17, 2020, Deputy Ramirez was assigned to Carson Station on Day shift as Unit 160B3, a one-person unit. Deputy Ramirez was assigned to the Special Assignment Officer (SAO) team. Deputy Ramirez heard a priority call over the radio which indicated a suspect was spray painting buildings on Carson Street and was last seen walking westbound. The call was coordinated, and he was tasked with checking the area for the suspect.

As he drove to the area, he saw a male wearing a red sweatshirt, black shirt, and black shorts matching the suspect's description in the call for service. Deputy Ramirez made

eye contact with the suspect and pulled into an alleyway. He exited his car and asked the suspect if he could speak with him. The suspect replied, "Fuck you, this is my city. I can tag on anything I want." The suspect ran from Deputy Ramirez, southbound through the alley and out of his view. Deputy Ramirez broadcast radio traffic and set up a small containment. Based on his working knowledge of the area, Deputy Ramirez knew where the suspect would end up. Deputy Ramirez heard his partner, Deputy [redacted] broadcast radio traffic, indicating the suspect was now walking west on 218th Street from Main street **(Transcribed interview pages 5-6)**.

Deputy Ramirez drove east on 218th Street and saw the suspect yelling at Deputy [redacted] He positioned his vehicle approximately three houses past the suspect and exited his vehicle. Deputy Ramirez attempted to deescalate the situation by engaging the suspect in conversation. The suspect told Deputy Ramirez, "Fuck you." Deputy Ramirez again asked the suspect to come and speak with him. The suspect refused, placed his hands in his pockets, and walked backward away from Deputy Ramirez. Deputy Ramirez ordered the suspect to remove his hands from his pockets, and his partner, Deputy [redacted] took his Taser out.

The suspect removed his hands, raised them, and took a fighting stance as he continued to walk backward. Deputy Ramirez said they followed the suspect, keeping their distance while trying to deescalate the situation with verbal commands. The suspect unknowingly backed into a street sign, then lunged forward at Deputy Ramirez, hitting him on the left shoulder and left ear. Deputy Ramirez immediately struck the suspect with a closed fist on the right eye. Deputy Ramirez said the suspect "came right back at me." Deputy Ramirez estimated he hit the suspect five times in the face **(Transcribed interview pages 6-9)**.

Deputy Ramirez said the punches did not have the desired effect of stopping the fight as the suspect continued swinging at him with both hands. The suspect grabbed Deputy Ramirez by his waist and legs. Deputy Ramirez believed the suspect was "gonna lift me and throw me to the floor." Deputy Ramirez struck the suspect in the upper torso, "an additional couple times." He saw Deputy [redacted] wrap his arms around the suspect's left arm, attempting to control the suspect. The suspect was able to free himself and took a "football stance," placing his head and shoulder into Deputy Ramirez's legs attempting to take him to the ground. Deputy Ramirez struck the suspect "a couple more times" while giving him verbal commands to stop fighting **(Transcribed interview pages 10-11)**.

Deputy [redacted] was eventually able to take the suspect to the ground. Deputy Ramirez said he was trying to maintain his grasp on the suspect, when "we all went to the ground." He believed the suspect landed on his stomach and did not strike his head on the ground. The suspect placed his hands under his chest and pushed himself off the ground while Deputy Ramirez continued to give him verbal commands to stop fighting. Deputy Ramirez had his knee on the suspect's upper torso trying to maintain control of the suspect when he was "bucked off" of him. The suspect managed to roll onto his left

side and strike Deputy Ramirez in the chest. Deputy Ramirez said he hit the suspect one time on the right side of his chest, with his fist, which was ineffective. Deputy Ramirez and Deputy [redacted] placed their weight on top of the suspect, at which point the suspect said, "I give up, I give up." Deputies [redacted] and Ramirez were able to handcuff the suspect without further incident **(Transcribed interview pages 12-13)**.

Deputy Ramirez believed the suspect might have been under the influence of drugs or alcohol, based in part on the suspect's erratic behavior. Deputy Ramirez said he reported the force he used to Sergeant Velasquez.

INVOLVED DEPUTY [redacted]

On June 18, 2020, Deputy [redacted] was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau investigators.

On April 17, 2020, Deputy [redacted] was assigned to Carson Station on Day shift as Unit 168A, a one-person unit. Deputy [redacted] said he received a priority call for service of a vandalism now. He was assigned to the call as an assisting unit and was directed to check the vicinity for the disturbing party **(Transcribed interview page 3)**.

Once he arrived in the area, he saw Deputy Jose Ramirez, who told him the suspect was last seen walking east on 218th Street and then south through an alley. Deputy [redacted] drove west on 218th Street from the alley and saw "a male white adult wearing a burgundy long-sleeved shirt, black shorts, black shoes." Believing that was the suspect, Deputy [redacted] attempted to contact him.

Deputy [redacted] exited his patrol car to contact the suspect, who told Deputy [redacted] "Hey, fuck off, I didn't do shit" **(Transcribed interview page 4)**. The suspect continued to walk west on 218th Place. Deputy [redacted] got in his patrol car and drove alongside the suspect at approximately 2 miles per hour, maintaining visual contact with him. As he followed the suspect, radio traffic was broadcast, describing the suspect, which matched the male he was following.

Deputy [redacted] ordered the suspect to stop, which he ignored, and continued to walk west on 218th Place. Deputy [redacted] requested assisting units to his location via L-Tac. Deputy [redacted] followed the suspect until his partner, Deputy Jose Ramirez, arrived. Deputy Jose Ramirez approached from the west and positioned his patrol car in the path of the suspect. Deputy Ramirez gave the suspect verbal commands to stop walking, which he ignored. The suspect walked around Deputy Jose Ramirez's patrol car and continued west on 218th Place. Deputy [redacted] described the suspect's demeanor as "upset and agitated" **(Transcribed interview page 7)**.

Deputy Jose Ramirez continued to give the suspect verbal commands to stop, which the suspect ignored as he walked away. The suspect suddenly turned around, clenched his fists, raised them to his stomach, and took a fighting stance. Deputy [redacted] immediately grabbed his Taser in his left hand and pointed it in the suspect's direction.

Deputy [redacted] ordered the suspect to stop and raise his hands over his head, or he would be tased. The suspect replied, "go ahead" **(Transcribed interview page 8)**.

The suspect began walking backward away from Deputies Ramirez and [redacted] despite their verbal commands for him to stop. The suspect continued walking backward, and unknowingly walked into a street sign. Without warning, the suspect pushed off the sign and struck Deputy Jose Ramirez's left ear with his right hand. Deputy [redacted] saw the suspect clench his left fist and believed he would strike Deputy Ramirez again. Deputy [redacted] wrapped his left arm around the suspect's left arm and pinned it against his body, which prevented the suspect from hitting his partner. Deputy [redacted] struck the suspect on his left rib cage three times using his right fist, while giving verbal commands to stop fighting **(Transcribed interview pages 9-10)**.

Deputy [redacted] said his Taser was knocked out of his left hand, and fell to the ground as the suspect pulled his left arm away from his grasp. The suspect began punching both Deputies Ramirez and [redacted] in the torso. Deputy [redacted] could not recall how many times he was struck and said the suspect's punches were ineffective and were absorbed by his Kevlar vest.

Deputy [redacted] grabbed the suspect's left elbow area with his left hand and closed the distance between them to minimize his striking power. Deputy [redacted] observed the suspect strike Deputy Ramirez with his right hand. Deputy [redacted] struck the suspect approximately three to four additional times on the left side of his rib cage, attempting to stop his assault. The suspect pulled his arms toward his waistband area as if he were reaching for a weapon. Deputy [redacted] grabbed the suspect's left hand as the suspect tucked his right hand under his left elbow, pinning it against his body **(Transcribed interview pages 12-14)**.

Deputy [redacted] held onto the suspect's left hand and grabbed the suspect's left leg, which caused him to lose balance and fall backward onto the ground. Deputy [redacted] said he maintained control of the suspect's left arm and leg during the takedown and did not see the suspect strike his head on the ground. Once on the ground, the suspect rolled onto his left shoulder. Deputy [redacted] grabbed the suspect by his right elbow and tried to place it behind the suspect's back. The suspect rolled onto his stomach. Deputy Jose Ramirez took control of the suspect's right hand as Deputy [redacted] grabbed the suspect's left hand, placing it behind his back. Deputy [redacted] was able to handcuff the suspect without further incident **(Transcribed interview pages 14-16)**.

Additional deputies arrived at their location and took control of the suspect, who was compliant. Deputy [redacted] estimated the fight lasted forty seconds. He reported the incident to Sergeant Velasquez.

<u>WITNESS DEPUTY LUIS RAMIREZ</u>

On June 18, 2020, Deputy Ramirez was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau investigators.

On April 17, 2020, Deputy Ramirez was assigned to Carson Station on Day shift assigned as Unit 167A, a one-person unit. Deputy Ramirez received a priority call for service of a vandalism now. He was assigned to the call as an assisting unit and was directed to check the area for the suspect described in the call.

Deputy Ramirez heard radio traffic broadcast by Deputy [redacted] which indicated he located the suspect. He turned east on 218th Street from Main Street and saw the suspect on the ground on his left side. Deputy Jose Ramirez was behind the suspect, and Deputy [redacted] was positioned in front of the suspect and struggled to gain control of his hands. Deputy Ramirez said the suspect was flailing his arms toward Deputies Jose Ramirez and [redacted] striking them at least one time as verbal commands were being given for the suspect to put his hands behind his back **(Transcribed interview page 4)**.

Deputy Ramirez believed the suspect was trying to free himself from the deputies as he struck both Deputies Jose Ramirez and [redacted] He observed Deputy Jose Ramirez strike the suspect one time in the back with his fist, which had no effect. Deputy Ramirez immediately broadcast emergent radio traffic requesting additional units to respond to their location. Deputies Jose Ramirez and [redacted] were able to place the suspect in handcuffs before any other personnel's arrival.

Deputy Ramirez said, "They did not need me to go hands-on and assist them. They just requested of me to put out radio traffic" **(Transcribed interview page 6)**. Deputy Ramirez reported the force he witnessed to Sergeant Velasquez.

WITNESS DEPUTY TOMASA PEREIRA

On June 18, 2020, Deputy Pereira was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau investigators.

On April 17, 2020, Deputy Pereira was assigned to Carson Station on Day shift assigned as Unit 169K, a one-person unit. Deputy Pereira was assigned as the handling unit for a vandalism now call for service. The call was dispatched as a priority. She coordinated the call and requested additional units to check the surrounding area in an attempt to locate the suspect.

Deputy Pereira responded to the location where the crime occurred and contacted the informant of the call. Upon her arrival, she heard deputies were involved in a fight with the suspect on 218th Place. She responded to the location of the fight, and saw the suspect on the ground and handcuffed. She did not witness any use of force.

Deputy Pereira drove back to the location where the crime occurred and made contact with the informant. A field show up was conducted, wherein the informant positively identified the suspect.

SUSPECT NICHOLAS NORRIS

On April 17, 2020, Suspect Norris was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau investigators.

Suspect Norris said he was walking to his cousin's house when he was contacted by deputies and told to "stop," but did not know why. He said the deputies grabbed him the "wrong way," and he "swung at them." Suspect Norris said, "We started fighting," and he was slammed onto the floor and taken to jail.

Suspect Norris could not describe the deputies with whom he fought and appeared disoriented. The interview was videotaped and submitted within **[EXHIBIT B]**.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

On July 6, 2020, Suspect Norris plead No contest to one count of Vandalism, 594(A) P.C., and was sentenced to 36 months formal probation. Refer to Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Minute Order, Case# TA151889 **Miscellaneous Documents**.